

NO FRICTION FROM CHANGE OF PREMIER

Tribute to the Stability
of England's In-
stitutions.

NO EFFECT ON MARKETS

Personality of Little Count in the Well
Regulated Government Machine—No
Disagreement Between Chamberlain
and Balfour.

LONDON, July 19.—It is impossible
to withhold at the present moment
some expression of the wonderful
solidity of British institutions. The
"Spectator" describes exactly the situ-
ation when it says:

"Almost in silence, without a jar,
with no uproar in Parliament, and no
popular demonstration, the command of
that huge bark, the British Empire,
has been transferred from one hand to
another. The ship moves on undisturbed.
The crew are all at their stations;
there is no sign of alarm, no thought
that the course should be altered,
the speed decreased, or the destination
changed. It is marvelous testimony
to the order which reigns on board,
and all the more so because the captain
who has disappeared was no more than
a figurehead."

Personality Counts Little.

Nothing could be more impressive
than the circumstances of Lord Salisbury's
retirement as prime minister
in demonstrating how little personality
counts in the operation of the great-
est machine for human government
which the world has known. The "Spec-
tator" metaphor is much truer than
the short-sighted view taken by the
"Saturday Review," when it says:

"The declaration of peace and the
illness of the King seem to have ex-
hausted the nation's capacity for emotion.
Nothing else can explain the indif-
ference with which the momentous
ministerial changes of the past week
have been received by the public. Now
that the war is over and the coronation
has not come off, what can it matter
who is the prime minister or chan-
cellor of the exchequer?"

"This is apparently the people's mo-
tive. It is childish enough, no doubt,
and is particularly conspicuous among
the business section of the community.
The news that the King had undergone
an operation sent funds down three-
quarters of 1 per cent. The announce-
ment that the Marquis of Salisbury had
retired as prime minister, and that Sir
Michael Hicks-Beach would likewise
be chancellor of the exchequer in a few
weeks, was actually followed by a rise
in the commercial barometer, as if some
incubus had been removed."

"Yet, of course, the sovereign has noth-
ing to do with the government, while
the prime minister and the chancellor
of the exchequer fill two of the most
important posts in the ministry."

No Principle Involved.

The fact is simply that especially in
times of peace the coming or going of
any man is the merest trifle in affect-
ing the welfare of the British Empire.
No changes, save those dictated by the
people themselves are of any moment.
It follows, therefore, that the discussion
of the reorganization of the ministry,
which is now proceeding, is of little
more than personal interest to the in-
dividuals concerned and their friends.

The Public at Large Certainly is Inter- ested, but there is not a single political principle involved, and popular feeling is confined to curiosity in regard to the gratification of individual ambitions. The lack of agreement on almost every point on the question of the reconstruction of the cabinet is pretty good proof of the unreliability of all these rumors.

Non-Political Vice Royalty.

It is taken for granted that the vice
royalty of Ireland has ceased to be a
political office and will no longer carry
a seat in the cabinet. The representa-
tive of the government at Dublin here-
after will be a so-called figurehead, with
practically the same functions as the
King. The chief secretary will join the
cabinet, but whether it will be Mr.
Wyndham or a new man the prospects
cannot agree. Mr. Wyndham will al-
most certainly receive cabinet rank, but
possibly as the minister of war.

The present rumors are chiefly busy
with the question of who will succeed
Sir Michael Hicks-Beach as chancellor
of the exchequer. The names most fre-
quently mentioned are Mr. Lowther, Sec-
retary for War, Brodrick, and Mr. Austen
Chamberlain, financial secretary for the
treasury. The latter suggestion is cou-
pled with a report that the colonial sec-
retary is more ambitious for his son
than for himself, and it is quite probable
that Austen will reach cabinet rank—
perhaps, however, as president of the
board of trade.

No Friction Existing.

It is necessary to repeat what has
been clearly set forth in these dispatches
heretofore—that there is not the slightest
friction between Mr. Chamberlain
and Mr. Balfour. The best personal
friendship has existed between the two
men, whose dissimilarities of tempera-
ment and methods seem to form a strong
basis of mutual sympathy and attraction.
The truth is that the change in pre-
miership is more apparent than real.
Mr. Balfour, having for months past done
the actual work of the prime minister,
with, of course, the full knowledge of
his colleagues. It seems probable that
Lord James, of Hereford, chancellor of
the Duchy of Lancaster, Lord Ashbourne,
lord chancellor of Ireland, and perhaps,
also, the present lord chancellor of Eng-
land, will retire and young Wood will
replace them.

Sir Robert Finlay will almost certainly
occupy the woolsack in the house of
lords.

U. S. MINISTER EXCHANGES POSTS WITH A U. S. CONSUL

Illness of Wife and Daughter Induces
George H. Bridgman to Relin-
quish Lucrative Post.

Owing to the illness of his wife and
daughter, the United States minister
to Bolivia, George H. Bridgman, has
been forced to ask for a transfer to the
consulate at Kingston, Jamaica. By
this he loses \$2,000 a year, his salary
in his present position being \$3,000,
against \$5,000 at the Bolivian capital.
William B. Sordley, who exchanges
posts with Mr. Bridgman, cables the
State Department from the consulate
at Kingston that he has closed up his
affairs there, and leaving the office in
charge of his vice consul, John S.
Twiss, will shortly sail for this coun-
try to receive his instructions for his
new post.
The Bridgmans are now at Elizabeth,
N. J., but are expected to sail soon for
Jamaica.

FRENCH PREMIER CLOSES TWO THOUSAND SCHOOLS

Order Adds to Bitterness
of Church and State
Question.

POPULAR INDIGNATION VOICED

Paris "Temps" Makes an Attack on the
Government for Its Recent Acts—
Violation of Concordat and Laws
Passed by Parliament.

PARIS, July 19.—The question of
church and state is being agitated with
exceptional bitterness. The government
has ordered the disposal of 2,500 congre-
gational schools, containing 150,000 chil-
dren, who are being taught by 6,000
teachers.

Even quiet Republican journals, such
as the "Figaro," are displaying uneasiness
in regard to the result of such ex-
treme measures. Many of these schools
stand in the same relation as municipal
schools, because they are in districts
where there are no lay schools, and thus
the only available educational establish-
ments are closed.

The government has also fallen foul
of the church party on another question.
Under Napoleon's concordat, the state
pays the salaries of ministers of all the
recognized religions, and the govern-
ment, for some certain reason, has re-
fused to give some of the curates their
salaries. These priests are now being
supported by their own congregations.

May Test the Order.

In reference to this school question,
Comte Du Man has written a letter
to Comte De Mun suggesting that the
proprietors of the premises on which
there are schools should break the seals
placed on the doors in order to test the
validity of Prime Minister Combes' order.
Comte De Mun proposes that processions
should be organized for the purpose of
escorting the sisters in charge of the
schools when their expulsion occurs.

The Bishop of Nancy has written a
letter of protest against the action of
the premier. Bishops denouncing the
action of M. Combes, which had been
posted in various towns, were torn down
by the police.

Whole Diocese Affected.

The Bishop of Angers has issued a
declaration in which he says that all
religious schools will be closed in his
diocese because he has not received the
authorizations necessary to reopen them
for the next term. He adds:
"According to the answer to this it
will be known whether the authorities
simply seek to see that the laws are re-
spected or to pursue to the death religious
instruction."

Not a Question of Law.

Arguing this point the "Temps" says:
"It is not a question of the law, nor
even of the opinion of the council of state,
but merely of an administrative
circular. We are on the down grade.
We are sinking below the standard of
legislation and even below the definition
of the law by the great council of state
and arriving at a point purely and sim-
ply of the government's opinion—other-
wise, arbitrary action."
"There were establishments founded
before and after the law of 1901. The
question arose as to whether the latter
required authorization. M. Waldeck-
Rousseau doubted this, and the council
of state affirmed it by a majority of
only two votes. Since a doubt existed
in the case of the new establishments
there was, a fortiori, one in the case of
the old."

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GENERAL BROOKE GOES ON RETIRED LIST TOMORROW

To Be Succeeded Temporarily by Gen.
Arthur MacArthur in Command
of Department of the East.

Major Gen. John R. Brooke, now com-
manding the Department of the East, will
be placed on the retired list to-mor-
row, having reached the age of
sixty-four years. He will be succeeded
temporarily by Gen. Arthur MacArthur
and permanently by General Chaffee.

THREE ANARCHISTS DEPORTED FROM TURKEY

American Legation Forwards Names
and Photos—May Come to the
United States.

The American legation at Constantinople
notifies the State Department that
three anarchists have been deported
from that city and may come to the
United States.
Their photographs are enclosed. The
names are given as Cassia Carmelo,
Pasquale, Giuseppe di Giuseppe.

OPPOSE PLAN TO REBUILD CAMPANILE

Many Think Cathedral Suf-
fered From Tower.

VENICE, July 19.—Side by side for
the movement for rebuilding the cam-
panile of St. Mark's, the minority is put-
ting forward the desirability of seri-
ously considering whether or not this
is advisable.
While no one would have suggested
laying sacrilegious hands on the famous
old tower which seemed to thousands
the very embodiment of Venice, now
that it is wrecked utterly beyond
question of repair, some of the keenest
lovers of Venice point out that
there is one great drawback to the
position of the campanile. It dwarfed
everything else and made St. Mark's
Cathedral seem small, and was not real-
ly of any advantage to the beauty of
the square.

Hurled Toward Cathedral.

The great white marble crown, with
its historic bells, had been hurled to-
ward the southwestern buttress of St.
Mark's, but striking, as on a rock, on
the low porphyry column called the
"pietra della banda,"—"the stone of
edicts"—the shock was broken and the
stream of masonry, parting asunder,
ran on each side of it, leaving the
crown unharmed.

This porphyry, which was about a yard
and a half high, and the same in diam-
eter, and built a half yard deep into the
pavement, was uprooted and cast three
yards away. Its place was taken by a
high block of marble coping of the
wall of the bell loggia, which was ar-
rested exactly four inches from the
cornerstone of the column of St. Mark's.

Clerk a Voluntary Bankrupt.

Mr. Len D. Sheets, who is employed
by the Government as a clerk, yesterday
filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy.
He lists his liabilities at \$1,959.92 and
his assets at \$94. The whole of the
liabilities consists of unsecured claims.
MacCall and MacCall and S. H. Poole
are named as the petitioner's counsel.

LOCAL MENTION.

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gallon; Meringues, \$1 dozen, 25c. G. East 592.

NEW FIRE ALARM BOX THAT ACTS AS ITS OWN PROTECTOR

LIVELY interest in the fire de-
partments of the great cities
has been awakened in the pub-
lic mind by the results of the
numerous disastrous conflagrations that
have swept across the country during
the past few weeks, and naturally the
question is being asked: Can nothing be
done to increase the efficiency of our
fire departments?

Various strides have been made in the
last quarter of a century in providing
means for the extinguishment of fires.
The officials in charge are recognizing
the responsibility resting upon them,
and are diligently seeking for means to
further the efficiency of the fire depart-
ments.

For some time the important fact has
been recognized that too little has been
done in the matter of the fire-alarm sys-
tem. For several years numerous per-
sons have been experimenting with what
appeared to be a task impossible of ac-
complishment—the evolution of a type
of fire-alarm box which can be readily
opened without a moment's delay, and
yet one which cannot be easily tampered
with to the extent of turning in a
box, sending in the alarm. But it was
soon found that just at the time the
key was most needed the person hav-
ing it in his possession could not be
found.

It was thought this evil could be rem-
edied by placing the key in the posses-
sion of the policeman or watchman on
the beat, but this also proved a failure,
for the guardian of the peace was usu-
ally on a distant part of his beat, so
that several minutes were required for
him to run to the box.

Washington has had for quite a while
the ordinary iron fire-alarm box, the
key to which remained constantly in the
door, being covered with a small
box with glass face. In order to sound
an alarm all that it is necessary to do
is to break the glass and turn the key.
The door then swings open and the hook
on the inside may be pulled down, thus
sounding the alarm. But this method is
somewhat slow and cumbersome, as
the operator has to stoop to get out a
pocketknife or find a stone with which
to break the glass in front of the key.
And even then there is not the slightest
thing in the world to prevent a false
alarm being turned in except the small
painted notice on the door of the box
announcing the fact that a penalty of
\$40 is imposed upon persons convicted
of turning in false alarms.

Above the box itself Mr. Campbell has



Fire Alarm Box, Closed and Open, Showing Mr. Campbell's Device.

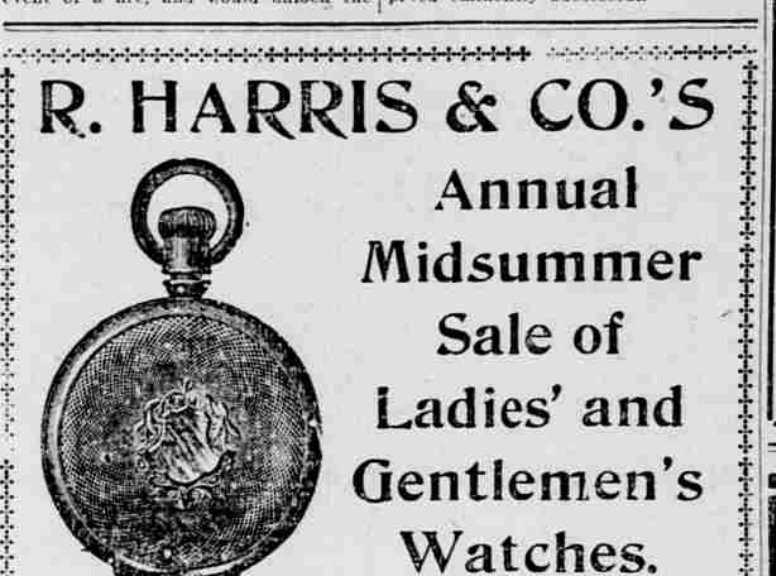
placed a smaller contrivance containing
brilliant flashing cartridges and also
blank cartridges that explode with a
loud report. Upon the door of the main
box is a short lever, which, when pulled
down by the operator, opens the door
of the compartment in which the hook
for sounding the alarm is placed. By
pulling down this lever to open the door
the blank cartridge is discharged, and
the flashlight ignited. The light burns
for several moments, brilliantly light-
ing up the face of the operator and the
street in the vicinity, so that persons
attracted by the report may plainly dis-
tinguish who is sending in the alarm
before he actually gets into the inner
compartment.

In the meantime, while the coming of
the engine is being awaited, the crowd
attracted to the box is afforded an op-
portunity to reach the fire and render
such assistance in advance as lies in
their power. Sometimes it is of the
utmost importance in checking the pro-
gress of a conflagration to have assist-
ance rendered at an early stage of the
fire, before the flames have gained much
headway.

Mr. Campbell also provides for the
distribution to every house in the city
of a printed card telling the location of
the nearest fire-alarm box in their vic-
inity, and giving brief but concise in-
structions as to its operation. The
flashlight and exploding cartridge are
absolutely harmless, merely serving as
a protection against false alarms in
this method where the box is practically
left open all the time.

His invention has been heartily in-
dorsed by men experienced in fire fight-
ing all over the country, as well as by
numerous scientific publications. All
have spoken in the most glowing terms
of the new system. Mr. Campbell has
made several trials of his apparatus
here in Washington, all of which have
proved eminently successful.

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lined oven with adjustable shelves.
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three burners and oven as de-
scribed above, but somewhat small-
er.
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\$10 Ruffled Muslin Curtains..... 80c
\$12 Dotted Muslin Curtains..... 90c
\$4 Lawn Settees..... \$2.48
\$1.25 Children's Settees..... 80c
\$2 Porch Rockers..... \$1.25
\$1.50 Stripe Curtains..... 90c
\$3 Snowflake Curtains..... \$1.98
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